



General Assembly

***Proposed House Joint
Resolution No. 12***

January Session, 2009

LCO No. 231

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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and
Elections

Introduced by:

REP. MILLER L., 122nd Dist.

***RESOLUTION PROPOSING A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO
PROVIDE FOR DIRECT REFERENDUM.***

Resolved by this Assembly:

1 That the third and eleventh articles of the state Constitution be
2 amended to grant to the electors of this state, independent of the
3 General Assembly, the power to approve or reject at an election any
4 statute or any part thereof; that a referendum measure be proposed by
5 presenting to the Secretary of the State a petition that sets forth the law
6 or part thereof to be submitted to the electors for approval or rejection
7 and that is certified to have been signed by a number of electors equal
8 to at least five per cent of those registered to vote in the preceding
9 gubernatorial election; that special acts, laws necessary for the
10 immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety, laws
11 requiring elections, laws providing for tax levies or appropriations for
12 usual current expenses of the state and laws submitted to a
13 referendum within the two preceding calendar years shall not be
14 subject to a referendum. No legislative action shall be taken with

- 15 respect to any law submitted to the electorate until the third legislative
16 session following such submittal.

Statement of Purpose:

To provide for direct public participation in the legislative process.